

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

As a mother and concerned citizen I have to voice my strongest support for the mandatory labelling of foods containing GE foods and derivatives.

I can't believe that this is not already happening.

At present, the only recourse I have as a highly selective consumer is to purchase goods labelled to guarantee they do NOT contain GE. If the companies are so concerned that labelling will put people off buying their products they can start to EXCLUDE GE derivatives from their products otherwise have the integrity to admit that they are using them. We will not move forward as a nation or as humanity if we constantly hide and fob off our responsibilities.

A sustainable and healthy future requires the concerted efforts of all of us to be honest and to share the costs to society, then subsequently the rewards. Labelling GE foods is essential for democracy, decency and health in society.

It is close to criminal in not disclosing ingredients that can be proven to be seriously detrimental to many many people and of no benefit to any of us. There is a bevy of evidence to support that many illnesses are linked to GE ingredients and if you do not support mandatory labelling of these foods you are creating major difficulties for discerning consumers. It is not in anyones interests to repeatedly deny the need to label these foods. If labelling is not enforced there WILL be MANY MANY products that will simply disappear off our shopping lists. If these items disappear off our lists with the introduction of mandatory labelling then what do you think that indicates about how the public really feel about GE foods? The best honest survey that will ever be conducted!

To insist that GE foods are acceptable and that you do not need to label them is outrageous and will ultimately be the undoing of unscrupulous industries.

As a body with the power to effect change and bring accountability I am appealing to you to do the right thing sooner rather than later in bringing about this legislation.

Please consider this most seriously,
Yours faithfully,

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